

CURRENT TOPICS.

On one farm near Flint, Mich., there are 1,120,000 cabbages.

AMETHYSTS and emeralds seem to be favorite stones for gold batpins.

AN Illinois prospector claims to have found a rich vein of silver near Paducah.

In Norway people who are not vaccinated are not allowed to vote at an election.

A NUMBER of Harvard students were arrested the other day for playing golf on Sunday.

THE Brotherhood of Blacksmiths has decided to join the American Federation of Labor.

CORBETT, the prize fighter, is said to have bought a house for \$29,000 in New York and to have paid for it.

FRAU WAGNER made a profit of \$150,000 from the Bayreuth festival this year. The next will be in 1899.

It is due to the generosity of Mrs. J. M. Fisk that the new dormitory is now being erected for Barnard college.

Mrs. McKinley is said to be enjoying much better health at present than at any time since she came to Washington.

BRIDGET SHERIDAN, residing at Killcoo, County Down, has just died at the remarkable age of 115 years. Her age has been verified.

GEN. BOOTH is engaged in preparing rules and regulations for the direction of the social work of the Salvation army at home and abroad.

A PLAY entitled "Pharaoh," written in French by Oscar Wilde, is to be produced in Paris at the Theater de l'Oeuvre during the winter.

A DROP of boiling lard, spattered from a frying pan by accident, recently removed a cataract from the eye of a woman at Punksutawney, Pa.

ARCHBISHOP LOPEZ, of the state of Sonora, Mex., has issued an edict communicating all Catholics who are members of the Masonic order.

BEE trees are being found in numbers in parts of Vermont this fall. One near Nashville held a honeycomb two feet long and several inches thick.

TACOMA's probate judge is hard put to determine whether a minister's claim against an estate for ten dollars for burial services should be allowed.

THE German military authorities have decided that in the future all bicycles for the army shall be constructed in the government establishments.

In the jungles of Sumatra the largest spiders are found. Some of the larger specimens measure eight inches across the back, and have 17 inches of leg-spread.

A MOUNTAIN-CLIMBING cat has taken its station on the Dent du Midi, in Switzerland, and goes up 3,200 yards with tourists to share their lunch at the top.

A NEWSPAPER of Sherman county, Oregon, says that it does not know a farmer in that county who will not be able to discharge all his indebtedness this fall.

In the University of Paris there are over 10,000 medical students. At Vienna there are about 1,000 more. In Paris there are 8,000 students at the School of Fine Arts.

THE flag carried by Cortez, the Spanish conqueror of Mexico, nearly 400 years ago, was until recently preserved at a little church in the capital of the state of Tlaxcala.

A CHECK for \$245,000, paid to the London custom house for a cargo of 1,300 tons of tea, is said in London to be the largest single payment for duties ever made in the world's history.

MISS DE ROTHSCHILD, who is one of the cleverest lady horticulturists, has a collection of roses valued at \$55,000. The rose is the favorite flower with all the great Rothschilds of Europe.

A GERMAN paper calls attention to the extraordinary fact that at Aachen alone 800 tons of steel wire are used up annually in the manufacture of needles—4,500,000,000 in number, valued at \$1,500,000.

THE first shipment of American butter has arrived at Hamburg in excellent condition and found a ready market at prices slightly lower than the German, averaging to the American butter 24 to 26 cents a pound.

ARRANGEMENTS for the largest glucose factory in the world, to be established in Chicago, have been completed. George W. Lamb is its projector. The new factory will consume 30,000 bushels of corn daily and employ 5,000 persons.

ACETYLENE gas is used in a recently patented bicycle lamp, the stick of calcium being placed in a compartment which has small perforations to allow the liquid to filter through and generate the gas, which is stored in a receptacle for burning.

A RUNAWAY horse at Florence, S. C., jumped a six-foot gate, and the dangling checkrein catching on a picket, the horse's head was pulled in such a manner that the animal turned a somersault, landing on its back, but it gained its feet and ran on.

A RAILROAD is to be built across the northwest of China from Peking to Hankow by order of the emperor. The work is to be under the supervision of Li Hung Chang and Chang-Chih-tang, the two viceroys, through whose provinces the projected road is to run.

HEAT holidays have been established by law in the public schools of Switzerland. Recognizing the well known fact that the brain can not work properly when the heat is excessive, the children are dismissed from their tasks whenever the thermometer goes above a certain point.

KENTUCKY STATE NEWS.

THE GIRL SHOT

One of the Posse and Was Captured, But Spunky Susie's Brother Escaped.

FULTON, Ky., Oct. 23.—Some weeks ago Joe Schofield was arrested for stealing a neighbor's buggy. He gave bond and jumped it. Wednesday night he was thought to be at home.

A posse of eight surrounded the house, intending to wait until day-break. At midnight Jim Cavender, one of the posse, becoming cold and attempting to crawl into a stack of corn, the inmates of the house, who were on guard, heard him. Miss Susie Schofield, Joe's sister, fired with a gun loaded with small shot, one entering his chin and several his hat. Cavender returned the fire and Miss Schofield ran out the opposite side of the house and was captured by one of the posse. A fierce dog attacked him, but he, with one free hand, shot it. Schofield escaped in the melee.

MRS. GAINES MORTIFIED,

And She Sues Col. George W. Hay for Heavy Damages.

FRANKLIN, Ky., Oct. 22.—Mrs. Amelia Gaines Thursday filed a damage suit against Col. George W. Hay. She asks for \$5,000 damages. Mrs. Gaines alleges that Col. Hay fiercely assaulted her on a public highway. Her family were present when the affair occurred, she says, and, although they protested Col. Hay continued the assault.

Mrs. Gaines also says that her mental suffering and mortification have been so great as to cause her to be ashamed to go in public places, and in order to calm her bitter thoughts she has been compelled to remain in the privacy of her home.

Mrs. Gaines is one of the best known women in Simpson county, and is prominent in social and church circles. Col. Hay is worth \$100,000.

Howard Mystery Again.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Another chapter was opened in the Howard mystery Sunday. Benjamin Rankin, a farmer, called on Coroner Hood and stated that he believed that the body found in the river and identified as that of James Howard, was that of his son, James Rankin, who disappeared from home September 1.

Rankin says that his son had a considerable sum of money in his possession, and has not been heard from since.

Three Prisoners Escaped.

NICHOLASVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Bob Carrier, Anthony Teater, white, and William Smith, colored, three desperate prisoners in jail for housebreaking, escaped between two and three o'clock Sunday afternoon. The seven other prisoners refused to leave, though they could have gone just as easily. John Stevenson, under five years' sentence to the penitentiary, was one who refused to leave.

Duel in the High Road.

LANCASTER, Ky., Oct. 23.—While returning from church near Nina Saturday night, Hugh Logan and Brutus Wearren engaged in a quarrel about the election and opened fire with pistols. Wearren's jawbone is fractured and he is shot in the neck. It is reported that Logan is also wounded. No arrests have been made.

Married in an Omnibus.

PRINCETON, Ky., Oct. 23.—Sunday afternoon Miss May Kinsolving and F. A. Doren, prominent young people, were driven to the union depot in the bus of the New Princeton hotel, and, standing in the bus at the depot, were made man and wife, Elder W. S. Payne officiating. They then left over the Ohio Valley for Marion.

Her Dream Proved True.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Arthur Waldron, a Standard Oil Co. employee, quarreled with an unknown man at 1 o'clock Saturday morning, while on his way home, and was fatally stabbed. His wife dreamed he had been fatally cut and had just awakened when he staggered into the room.

Mules and Horses Burned.

BLOOMFIELD, Ky., Oct. 23.—The large stock barn of Alexander McMakin was burned to the ground. Forty mules and three horses were burned to death. Several hundred bushels of grain stored in the barn was also burned. The origin of the fire is unknown. The barn and contents were fully insured.

Suffering Among Garrard County Stock.

LANCASTER, Ky., Oct. 23.—There is great suffering among stock in this county, owing to the scant supply of water. Many farmers are hauling water for three miles and driving their stock to it. In Lancaster drinking water is very scarce, and unless a heavy rain comes soon a water famine will take place.

A Shotgun Murder.

MARION, Ky., Oct. 23.—At Blackford, 12 miles north of here, Sunday afternoon, an old man named Dodge and John Griffin became involved in a difficulty while drinking and Dodge shot Griffin twice with a shotgun, killing him instantly. Dodge is under arrest. Both were men of good standing in the community.

Kentucky Pensioners.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The following pensions were allowed Kentuckyans Friday: Original—Lewis H. Miller, Panther; Reissue—John W. Hickman, Charles; Joseph Hatchett, Henderson. Original Widows, Etc.—Mary A. Roark, Middlesboro.

Ninety-Five Cents for Wheat.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Louisville buyers are offering ninety-five cents a bushel for wheat. Receipts are small.

TWELVE-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Marries a Man of Seventy, Who Loved Her Grandmother.

RUSSELLVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Joe Davis and Miss Belle Whitaker were married at Deer Lick Thursday. Davis is past 70 years old, and his bride is only 12. The bride and groom represent extremes of age, greater, perhaps, than in any wedding on record. According to stories told by the friends of the couple Davis loved Miss Whitaker's grandmother, but could not marry her.

He transferred his affections to her granddaughter, and after a courtship which existed ever since the girl was six years old, married her Thursday. Miss Whitaker loves the old man, who is highly respected, and will inherit his entire estate upon his death.

POLITICAL FIGHT.

Four Men Shot, One Fatally, in Letcher County.

PINEVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—During a political meeting on Collins creek, in Letcher county, Friday, a fight took place, in which four men were shot. One of them, John Collins, was mortally wounded. John Barber, William Colts, James Shirley and John Collins were the leading spirits in the rally, which was held in the interest of Candidate Hall, who is running for sheriff of Letcher county. While speeches were being made the meeting was disturbed by the opposition. Guns were drawn and for a few minutes a regular battle was waged. When the smoke cleared away Collins, Colts, Shirley and Barber were found lying on the ground wounded. Collins will die.

A State Water Works.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 23.—The state board of prison commissioners is considering several plans to establish water works to be used exclusively for supplying the penitentiary and state buildings. The Frankfort Water Co., which has been furnishing the supply, has increased its rates on the state from \$2,000 to \$9,000 per annum. The commissioners Friday afternoon laid the matter before the court of appeals, which holds that the commissioners have authority to erect the proposed works.

Adkins Must Don Stripes.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 23.—The court of appeals Thursday affirmed the sentence of Joseph Adkins by dismissing his appeal. Fields and Adkins were indicted for the murder of Judge Combs in Harlan county. They were tried together the first time and convicted, but for some error the court of appeals gave them a new trial. Adkins was tried by himself this time, and will have to go to the penitentiary for life.

More Rain in Christian County.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Another good rain has fallen in this section; not enough to cause the streams to rise, but sufficient to bring up the wheat crop and start it to growing nicely. The Hopkinsville Waterworks Co. is still too scarce of water to furnish it for any purpose except fire protection.

Dogs Ate the Babe.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Oct. 23.—Laura Crosby, a young unmarried woman of Calhoun, 20 miles from Owensboro, was arrested for the murder of her infant, which was born a few days ago. A shallow hole was dug, but the dogs of the neighborhood unearthed the babe and nearly devoured it before it was discovered.

Colored Miner Killed.

MADISONVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Jonas Wilson, colored, single, miner, working for the Reinecke Coal Co., was accidentally killed by being caught between the ascending cage and the wall of the shaft. Wilson dropped his dinner bucket, and, in stooping to recover it, leaned over too far and was killed.

Daniel Boone Day at Paris.

PARIS, Ky., Oct. 23.—The pupils of the Paris schools observed Daniel Boone day. Each pupil contributed to the fund for replacing Boone's monument at Frankfort. Boone's brother, Edward, is buried near Flat Rock, this county, and a fund will be started to erect a monument over his grave.

Poor Wheat Prospect.

LANCASTER, Ky., Oct. 23.—The hopes of the farmers in regard to the wheat crops have suffered disappointment. Many of them intended to sow a large acreage, but except in corn land it has been too dry to plow. That which has been sown has died of dry rot, or has been destroyed by insects.

Physician Badly Hurt in a Runaway.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—Dr. B. S. Wood was driving a young colt near this city, when the animal became frightened and ran away. Dr. Wood was thrown upon a pile of rocks and several ribs were broken. He received other injuries which, it is feared, may result fatally.

Isaac Arms Badly Hurt.

MIDWAY, Ky., Oct. 23.—Isaac Arms, a tobacco grower of this county who was returning from Louisville where he had been to sell his crop, fell from the local L. & N. passenger train at the first crossing in town and sustained injuries which are thought to be fatal.

Pension Examiner at Barbourville, Ky.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—Dr. T. W. Jones was Wednesday appointed pension examining surgeon at Barbourville, Ky.

Louisville Drummers Withdrawn.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Oct. 23.—All Louisville drummers have been withdrawn from the south by wholesale houses.

HIGHEST TIDES

In Years, Supplemented by Wind on the Atlantic Coast—Many Buildings at the Summer Resorts Were Knocked to Pieces.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—High tides and higher winds that drove the sea inland have caused an immense amount of damage along the New Jersey and Long Island coast during the past 24 hours. Many buildings erected on the sand at the summer resorts were knocked to pieces and carried out to sea, and coast line railroads have suffered much loss and delay by reason of the storm. The highest tides in years, supplemented by wind which blew at the rate of from 35 to 90 miles an hour, prevailed Monday, and when the high water reaches its maximum Tuesday even greater damage is expected unless the gale abates. From down the Long Island coast the heaviest damage is reported.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Oct. 26.—One of the fiercest northeast gales of years has swept the lower Jersey coast and up Delaware bay for the past 24 hours. Many vessels have been stranded and there is an unconfirmed report that a ship went down off shore Monday morning. A fleet is riding at anchor within the harbor unable to proceed either way and the meadows are so inundated railroad travel to the coast resorts is practically suspended. The tide here was abating somewhat Monday night but the wind is maintaining a velocity of 30 miles. Portions of the board walk have been swept away, as well as cottage porches and fences, and the damage is estimated at thousands of dollars.

From Millville comes the report that the big tides in the Maurice river have flooded all the oyster houses and several have been blown down. The Ocean City, Sea Isle and Maurice river branches of the West Jersey railroad are submerged. Nearly a mile of the Reading tracks have been washed away near Egg Harbor City, and the mail coach between that place and Tucker was held up Monday by flooded roads.

Much damage has been done in the vicinity of Lewes, Del. The schooners Little Falk, Sarah L. Vanghu, H. W. Laws and Annie I. Ponder went ashore on the beach there Sunday night. The crews were safely landed.

The schooner Emma L. Cottingham, from Fall River for Philadelphia, is ashore near Delaware City. She lies on a stone pile well up the beach.

The schooner Elizabeth Lee, Philadelphia, for Gloucester, Mass., broke from the tugs which held her Monday and drifted on the point of Cape Henlopen. She is in a bad position and may go to pieces at any moment because of her cargo of coal. The crew was taken aboard the tugs. A number of dredges and barges are also ashore. At Bowers Beach, Del., William Spencer and his wife are in the second story of their cottage, which is surrounded by water, and help can not reach them. Many animals have been drowned there.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Oct. 26.—The northeast storm still prevailing is probably the most severe in many years. In point of high tides it has not been equalled, it is stated, since 1844. The damage done thus far does not equal that of the storm of 1880, but if it does not abate soon it promises to exceed it. The principal damage accomplished has been by the wind. It blew over at least three houses in course of construction and a row of two more were threatened Monday night.

The three railroad beds have been washed out for a considerable distance, thus shutting the city out of train service either way.

At Chelsea, about six squares of board walk was washed away and several valuable bulkheads were wrecked. The government life crew has received special instructions to be watchful, as it is feared that there may be some wrecks before morning.

PULLMAN'S WILL.

Many Large Bequests to Public and Charitable Institutions Made.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—The last will and testament of George M. Pullman will be filed in the probate court Wednesday morning. Until that time no part of its contents will be made known to the public. Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Ream, joint executors, and the nearest relatives of the millionaire, who were present when the document was read at the family residence, are the only ones who have any knowledge of the wording of the will beyond a few primary facts given out by Mr. Lincoln Monday night. Mr. Lincoln said:

Mr. Pullman's will is very liberal, indeed. It contains many large bequests to public and charitable institutions. It will be filed in the probate court at the earliest possible moment, and then it will be published for the first time.

OXYTUBERCULINE.

The Newly Discovered Consumption Cure of Dr. Hirschfelder, of San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 26.—The claim of Dr. Joseph O. Hirschfelder, of this city, that he has discovered a cure for consumption, announced last April, has been investigated by the faculty of Cooper medical college. Sixteen patients who have been treated with oxytuberculine, as the doctor calls his preparation, have been examined and the report to be made this week will be favorable. Dr. L. C. Lane, president of the college, announces his faith in the discovery which is in no sense a secret one, as the method of its preparation is freely given to the medical profession.

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Other Stocks and Bonds.....1,984.87	Individual Deposits.....1,479.81
Due from National Banks.....41,001.92	Due from National Banks.....3,815.34
Banking House.....8,500.00	Due from State Banks.....5,302.84
Furniture and Fixtures.....16,705.09	
Cash.....\$302,638.99	
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